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Safety Tips for Traveling To and From School

Are your kids headed back to school? Use this list to make sure your kids arrive and return from school safe and sound.

School Bus

- ◆ If your child's school bus has lap/shoulder seat belts, make sure your child uses one at all times when in the bus. If your child's school bus does not have lap/shoulder belts, encourage the school to buy or lease buses with lap/shoulder belts.
- ◆ Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.
- ◆ Do not move around on the bus.
- ◆ Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.
- ◆ Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.



Car

- ◆ All passengers should wear a seat belt and/or an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.
- ◆ Your child should ride in a car safety seat with a harness as long as possible and then ride in a belt-positioning booster seat.
- ◆ Your child should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle's seat belt fits properly (usually when the child reaches about 4' 9" in height and is between 8 to 12 years of age).
- ◆ All children under 13 years of age should ride in the rear seat of vehicles. If you must drive more children than can fit in the rear seat (when carpooling, for example), move the front-seat passenger's seat as far back as possible and have the child ride in a booster seat if the seat belts do not fit properly without it.

Bike

- ◆ Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- ◆ Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic.
- ◆ Use appropriate hand signals.
- ◆ Respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- ◆ Wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- ◆ Know the "rules of the road."

Walking to School

- ◆ Make sure your child's walk to a school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- ◆ Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- ◆ Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.



***It may seem you have more to worry about now than you ever imagined!
However, by being aware of school travel risks, you can take actions to
keep your child safe.***